

From: Jim Fuller
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 4:01 PM
Subject: Thumbing nose at the public

Mr. Powell:

Your obvious pleasure in thumbing your nose at the public's desire for real hearings on, and opposition to, the changes on rules governing media ownership is blatant and disgusting. The office you hold, sir, was not designed as an office of service to the super rich and powerful media owners. I sincerely hope Congress will call you into account, and if not, I assure you that along with many others, we will find ways to stop your actions in the courts.

James C. Fuller
Minneapolis, Minnesota

From: Jim
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 11:10 AM
Subject: MM Docket No. 01-317 and MB Docket No. 02-277

NO NO NO! Please don't vote until ALL sides are heard! If you would, read 1984. You will see what this vote on Monday will do. Big Brother will be alive and well in Our Great Country if these proposed changes come into effect.

USA All The WAY,
Jim Hardin

Those who are willing to sacrifice essential liberties for a little order, will lose both and deserve neither.
- Benjamin Franklin

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From: jh
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, May 25, 2003 2:04 PM
Subject: <no subject>

This country has done a lot for you
Mr. Powell.
Why are you killing it off?

From: Jeffrey Olin
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, May 29, 2003 9:01 PM
Subject: Rupert Murdoch's lackey

I am in favor of the wealthy being able to own entire markets. Who needs diversity of thought and opinion anyway? Diversity is highly overrated. Creativity is so blase.
Peace (also overrated according to Reichs-Fuhrer Bush),
Jeffrey J. Olin

May 26, 2003

Federal Communications Commission
Commission Chairman
Michael K Powell
1919 M St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Powell,

Regarding the proposal to relax media ownership rules I would like to urge you to disregard the arguments of the proponents of deregulation.

Concentration should be strengthened to uphold the present rules and regulations and perhaps enhance their authority in favoring a better "Free Press " regulation.

At the present time the philosophy is to gain a monopoly ownership of the mass media into the hands of those who want to control what the public knows and does not know. This is hardly a "Free Press " situation. There is now in place among the present media conglomerates the ability to reject news contrary to their political views. This is not a good situation. If the present rules are relaxed the situation will only get worse.

One of the primary concerns of the Federal Communications Commission is to prevent this from happening.

I would urge you to vote to retain the the present rules and direct the media conglomerates to accept and equally disseminate information from both sides of and argument.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jay D. Anderson
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From: Jason M. Kohler
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, May 29, 2003 10:30 AM
Subject: Save the airwave for the people.

Do not sell out to corporate interest. Think of the people who rely on television and radio for all their news and information. A free and diverse press is essential to a functioning democracy. Just think about it and listen to the comments of the people not the lobbyist.

Jason Kohler
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From: JaseMusic@comcast.net
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 5:38 PM
Subject: Re: A plea from an independent songwriter on Monday's proposed changes

Mr. Powell,

Small business is the essence of the American Spirit, and the changes that you propose will spell disaster for small businesses and independent musical artists.

Please think of your favorite musical artists and the struggles they went through years ago when it was much easier to break into the mainstream. If Clear Channel is given more power, our cultural musical gift will die a slow but certain death, as well as artists like myself that work tirelessly to create music for the masses' enjoyment.

In closing, please remember this quote....."The First Amendment rests on the assumption that the widest possible dissemination of information from diverse and antagonistic sources is essential to the welfare of the public."

Justice Hugo Black, 1945

Sincerely,

Jase
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<http://jasemusic.iuma.com>

From: Jane Young
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 10:47 PM
Subject: REPUBLICAN AGENDA AIRWAVE DOMINATION

THE AIRWAVES BELONG TO THE PUBLIC!!!!!!!!!! NOT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY!!!!
FIND SOME OTHER WAY TO PROMOTE THE REPUBLICAN AGENDA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
THIS STINKS AND YOUR PARTY REALLY LOOKS BAD!!!!

From: INDBA@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 4:09 PM
Subject: Letter regarding multiple ownership rules

INDIANA BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION

May 30, 2003

We are writing in regard to the relaxation of multiple ownership regulations. Indiana has one major market, Indianapolis. The remaining markets, Terre Haute, Evansville, South Bend, and Ft. Wayne are small television markets who face monetary challenges daily. With the advent of digital, new governmental compliance issues, and meeting the needs of their communities, markets, like Terre Haute are finding it increasingly difficult to be profitable.

Statistical and anecdotal evidence has proven that consolidation has been necessary in order to keep stations from going dark and has enabled stations to continue to produce local news and other informational community programming.

It makes no sense to unduly restrict television station duopolies given that every cable system controls hundreds of channels in the same market where television stations operate.

Future consolidation for television should not be limited to only those stations in the largest markets - it may well be the smaller markets are more in need of this option. In a world full of sources of information - the Internet, electronic media and print media, to name a few, people have a wealth of information available to them, in addition to television. There should be no concern about lack of diversity.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our position on this issue with you.

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From: Henry J. Rusk
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sun, May 25, 2003 8:15 AM
Subject: NOW Show

I saw the 'NOW' show this past week. What happened to honor in the civil service?

Henry J. Rusk

From: Glenn C. Kroeger
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, May 29, 2003 1:32 AM
Subject: simply put

The proposed changes you intend to foist on America this coming monday will not benefit the people who own the airwaves. Whether they will harm us is irrelevant. They can only benefit large corporations and reduce the number of jobs available in the broadcast industry. Our president is trying to create jobs while you destroy them!

I already live in a city where I cannot listen to the music of my choice because of Clear Channels domination of the airwaves. You are appointed to represent us. I have made my views know to my senators and representatives

Glenn C. Kroeger
Associate Professor of Geosciences
Trinity University

From: FS Calvo
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 4:06 PM
Subject: Reconsider -

Mr. Powell:

I am not an activist. I have rarely taken a public position on political issues, and even then I have never expressed a party line. I am not a staunch liberal or conservative. I work on Wall Street. Yet I cannot help but to comment that the FCC's behavior leading up to this Monday's vote has been less than exemplary. You have failed to release the actual language governing the changes in media ownership regulation you are trying to pass. You have hidden behind your authority to ignore questions from members of Congress, the press and the citizens at large. Instead of holding a number of hearings to *discuss such a radical reorientation of the FCC's role in overseeing the communications' industry*, you have gone out of your way to limit public debate and dissuade opposition by announcing that the deal is done and further talk would be fruitless. This is not in keeping with your responsibility to the public. Such blatant manipulation of a democratic process should be grounds for dismissal: you should be fired and the entire process should be re-evaluated in light of your dismal performance.

I will not address the merits of the actual changes you are proposing since your mind is so clearly made up. It is your handling of this whole affair that is worrisome, for it highlights how little independent media we already have, *and how you plan to do away with its last vestiges*. How far you have come in this fiasco is proof of the damage these ownership relaxations have wrought (1996 Telecommunications Act), and how much further you seek to take them.

I hope you fail. I have urged my Congressmen to do whatever they can to stop you and the FCC from selling out America from under our feet.

Sincerely,

Fernando S. Calvo

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From: Freise, Elizabeth Marie
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 4:31 PM
Subject: Alert about ECFS link not working

Dear Chairman Powell,

I attempted to contact you via telephone about the vote on broadcast ownership rule changes and was directed by your recording to send my comments to you via the ECFS link on your website. Unfortunately, this link is not working. Perhaps there are too many people attempting to contact you.

Since this is a democracy and this vote will directly affect my life, I respectfully submit this email instead. Please DO NOT disregard my comments simply because they arrived in this venue. Your recommended venue is not working and I hope you will not penalize me for something that is out of my control. I would certainly have followed your suggestion if it was possible to do so.

My comment is that I want you to delay and reconsider the changes you have proposed about broadcast media ownership. I do not think the possibility of a monopoly of our media is in America's best interest. I commend you for doing a good job in the past to keep media ownership in a wide variety of hands that represent the disparate voices of America. Please continue to do so.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Freise

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Franklin Eventoff
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 4:21 PM
Subject: Comment Period

Chairman Powell,

It is a travesty and against any civil rights [that still remain] to have the Public's airwaves controlled by mega-corporations. Propaganda is rampant in the United States. We all suffer when ignorance prevails. Our society will perish without the truth. Control is the trend for this administrative regime, but the voice of the people will be heard.

It's your duty to uphold justice. Allow the public comment period to be extended. This is not a "behind-closed-door" issue. You are being watched. The lies propagated and wielded by this administration will come to light, and those responsible for manipulating the public will be tried.

A very concerned citizen,

Franklin Eventoff

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From: Frank T Zito
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJM, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 1:11 PM
Subject: NOW with Bill Moyers - May 23,2003

Dear Mr. Powell, Ms. Abernathy, Mr. Martin, Mr. Copps & Mr. Adelstein

Surely all of you have heard about and probably have seen the Friday, May 23rd issue of NOW with Bill Moyers on PBS

Bluntly speaking, the report of Bob Williams from the Center for Public Integrity made you three Republican Commissioners seem like "Hookers" for the broadcasting industry.

Michael Powell's 8 trips last year paid for by industry, Robert Pepper's 100 industry paid trips in the last 6 years and the total of 2500 industry paid trips since 1995 are outrageous! It certainly smells like bribery. Jail time should be in order for those of you benefiting from all this largesse.

Americans familiar with this farce are outraged!

Interestingly enough, almost no public hearings have been held. And you three Republican members have avoided almost all contact with public representatives. Yet you have had plenty of time to shmooze with industry in Las Vegas, Paris, Rio and too many other places to name.

Please restore some faith in this democracy of ours which you all are offering to the highest bidder. Do not allow the huge broadcasters to get even more gigantic!! They'll still contribute offensively to the Bush reelection campaign if you vote for America and against them.

Sincerely,

Frank Zito

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From: elliottr.robertson@att.net
To: Mike Powell, Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 5:40 PM
Subject: A public debate is needed

Dear Mr. Powell:

In the name of democracy, I urge you to delay the vote on the new regulations until it has been publically debated.

Keeping the terms of the new regulations clandestine and robbing the people of the country of a chance to have a forum for debate is unAmerican and undemocratic. Let's not act like Russians!

Sincerely,
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From: Ellen577@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 11:40 AM
Subject: (no subject)

Dear Sir,

Do not change the rules affecting the air waves and who controls them. We must stay a multi information society for the good of democracy.

Sincerely,

Ellen M.

James

From: Elizabeth Altman
To: Michael Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 10:01 AM
Subject: <No Subject>

Dear Commissioner Powell,

I am writing to say that I am very strongly opposed to raising the cap on

From: Ehouser31@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 3:55 PM
Subject: corporate consolidation of media

Dear Mr. Powell,
I worked in television news for almost 20 years. I saw and am seeing the negative impact corporate consolidation has had and is having on the information Americans are getting. Information is the life's blood of democracy. If you limit the flow by allowing fewer and fewer corporate giants to control it, this democracy cannot survive. To continue the metaphor, your proposed relaxing of consolidation rules will close off more arteries that feed the heart of this country. Only the few corporate giants who will benefit directly and your father's political masters want this done. Look at the list of organizations who have come out against this. From the NRA to N.O.W. from the Society of Professional Journalists to the TV evangelists, everyone realizes what a disaster this will be for free speech and fair coverage of important public issues. And everyone will know who did this and how it happened. Please don't enter your name in the public book of infamy for all time by going ahead with this destruction of the rules that are supposed to protect the public, which by law owns the public airwaves.

Sincerely,
Earl Frounfelter
Santa Maria, CA

From: Drew Daniels
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue, May 27, 2003 1:34 PM
Subject: APPEARANCE OF IMPROPRIETY

How much money is Rupert Murdoch paying you personally?

Enough to get you indicted later?

Even if you really feel there are compelling reasons to sell America to the highest bidder, doing so will make you a pariah, and a tragic joke in history's footnotes.

From: Diana
To: Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein, Michael Copps
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 3:54 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief,
Media Bureau:

On behalf of concerned citizens I am contacting you in reference to Docket No. 02-277, the biennial review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

We are strongly opposed to any further consolidation and homogenization of the mass media in this country. The FCC's mandate is to serve the public interest - not corporate profit - and therefore it should expand democratic oversight and continue to restrict market control in the broadcast industry.

Freedom of discourse and open debate on critical issues is compromised when a small elite comes to claim exclusive control over our public airwaves. This is especially true in remote rural areas where news and opinion is now held hostage by a few private firms. In the worst case scenario, there now exists nothing but a stifling broadcast monopoly.

Absentee ownership of broadcast media also poses a serious public safety risk as residents of Minot, ND rudely discovered back on Jan. 18th, 2002. As you may know, that was the evening that a train containing hundreds of thousands of gallons of ammonia derailed, releasing a poisonous white cloud. Officials attempted to alert the population over radio but because six out of the seven Minot stations are now owned by Clear Channel, there was no response for hours. Seeking greater profit, Clear Channel had eliminated much of its workforce and forsaken local news coverage, running instead canned programming on auto pilot from thousands of miles away. For lack of adequate warning, 300 people were hospitalized and numerous livestock killed.

The FCC should uphold its public mandate by maintaining existing restrictions on broadcast ownership. I would also request that the FCC solicit public comment on this issue beyond the current deadline since so many people particularly isolated rural residents - stand to be affected by this decision. An accessible, diverse, and vibrant communication infrastructure is essential for any democracy and the outcome of this debate should not be determined by the bottomline of corporations.

Sincerely,

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From: DGerimonte@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, May 26, 2003 7:48 PM
Subject: (no subject)

We were better off in the days of the Public interest, Convenience and Necessity than we are under the current de-regulation frenzy, for many reasons.

You are doing your part in leading us down the path to a totalitarian society. If an explanation is necessary, I would be very happy to offer one.

Don Gerimonte
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From: David. G. Buttrick
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 3:48 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

We are absolutely opposed to the ruling that would permit the consolidation of media ownership. We are doubly opposed to the high handed tactics of the majority with regard to permitting public hearings.

David Buttrick
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From: David Weston
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 4:31 PM
Subject: Filing Public Comments Link Broken

Chairman Powell,

The link on the FCC home page for filing public comments is broken. This is terribly unfortunate for those of us who want to comment against the ownership rule change.

Our democracy and economy requires diversity and openness in order to grow strong. Allowing broadcast facilities to consolidate into the hands of a few will make our democracy and economy weak.

Please decide against the rule change.

Thanks. Dave